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West Chester

December 18, 2017

Governor Tom Wolf  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

As you are aware, the Mariner East II Pipeline currently under construction by Sunoco Logistics, has caused significant distress for citizens in my Senate District and throughout our Commonwealth. I am writing you today to directly request that your office take a leadership role and halt construction on this pipeline until such time that our constituents concerns are resolved.

Across our Commonwealth, a significant number of issues have developed directly in response to pipeline construction activity approved by your administration. In my district alone, pipeline construction has contaminated almost two dozen private wells, disrupted businesses, created significant environmental damage, and resulted in the development of an expanding sinkhole that currently threatens at least two private homes and is within 100 feet of Amtrak's Keystone Line. I should point out that all of these incidents have occurred in a single Chester County municipality as a result of pipeline construction. Simply put, this is unacceptable. Similar situations are happening in township after township along the pipeline route in my County.

In addition to the environmental damage that is occurring during construction, once completed, the pipeline will transport highly volatile natural gas liquids within feet of elementary schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and commercial districts. While Chester County has some of the highest trained and dedicated emergency responders, in the event of a catastrophic release, lives will be lost. A natural gas liquid pipeline of this type does not belong in high-consequence communities and other states have implemented commonsense regulations that would prohibit the planned pipeline path. While I have introduced legislation to directly address this issue, action is needed now. Also, I urgently hope that the administration will be supportive of this and other legislative efforts. I urge your administration to support calls from concerned citizens to

other legislative efforts. I urge your administration to support calls from concerned citizens to require a reevaluation of the pipelines path. While the probability of a catastrophic event is small, the damage would be overwhelming in a densely populated community.

As elected officials, we have a constitutional responsibility to protect the environment for future generations and a moral obligation to ensure citizens safety. With this in mind, I respectfully request your administration heed the calls from our constituents to halt construction of the Mariner East II pipeline project until such time that these issues can be resolved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew E. Dinniman" followed by a horizontal line and two dots.

Andrew E. Dinniman  
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